I THOUGHT OF THE FACT THAT WE ATTENDED DIFFERENT SCHOOLS AS A NEGATIVE THING.
I WAS ALWAYS ANXIOUS THAT IN THE TIME I WASN'T WITH HER, THEY WERE GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER.
BUT, ABOVE ALL,
I FELT THREATENED BY THE ASSERTIVENESS THAT HE HAD, AND THAT I LACKED.

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DON'T DO IT...
I LIKE IS...
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STOP IT!

HELLO? ONII?
WHAT— WE WERE FINALLY GETTING TO THE GOOD PART.
I'M SORRY, PLEASE EXCUSE ME FOR A MINUTE.
HUH? AH, IT'S MINE!

LET SLEEPING GODS LIE, LET SLEEPING GODS LIE

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HUH?
I'M AT NISHINO-SAN'S HOUSE, WHY?
His house?
MAI,
WHERE ARE YOU?
I told Mom!
She didn't pick up the phone when I called, but replied with an "OK" when I texted her
DO YOU REALLY THINK SHE HAS THE ABILITY TO MAKE LOGICAL DECISIONS WHEN SHE'S DEAD DRUNK SLEEPING WITH A PILLOW ON THE FLOOR?
Idiot!?
IDIOT
AHH I WANT TO BECOME AN OIL FIELD KING!
HA... WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT SHE WAS DRUNK...
Our mom seems to have lost her sense of pride.

HMM?
WAH! WHAT'S WRONG, AKI-CHAN?!
NO WAY...
THIS CAN'T BE...
KURO-BUCHI, HE...
I DON'T WANT TO ADMIT DEFEAT. I CAN'T ACCEPT THIS.
INCLUDING THE FACT THAT I CAME IN LAST PLACE.
AKI-CHAN, YOU COULDN'T PREDICT THIS OUTCOME EVEN THOUGH YOU OWN THE GAME?!
I DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS WHO PLAY THESE GAMES, SO I NEVER GET TO THE FINAL RESULTS
AN UNEXPECTED ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RESULTS!
THUS, HE IS WORTHY OF THE TITLE, "KING OF BEASTS!"
HE DISCARDED HIS GREED WITH HIS WEALTH AND HID IN HIS BURROW FOR THE RIGHT CHANCE TO STRIKE!
HE GOT FIRST PLACE!

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SOUTA-SAN,
ARE'NT YOU BEING TOO CASUAL ABOUT THIS?
ITSUKI,
WERE YOU REALLY GOING TO TELL HER?
I'VE TOLD YOU NUMEROUS TIMES THAT I'M SERIOUS.

NISHINO-SAN?

SO RUDE! IT'S MISO SOUP!
THIS IS COOKING...
IS IT?
DAMN IT, WHY DO I HAVE TO ENDURE THIS SHAME?

HUH? A PUNISHMENT GAME FOR ME?!
IT WAS ONE OF THE RULES
A-A CONFESSION? I DON'T HAVE ANYONE I LIKE, THOUGH
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE JET-BLACK FALLEN ANGEL, MUNIEL?
DON'T RUB SALT IN MY WOUNDS IN FRONT OF OTHER PEOPLE, I'LL KILL YOU!
THAT LOVE IS IN THE PAST, SLEEPING IN MY MEMORIES!
WHAT ABOUT YOUR GETCHU MEN?
THEY'RE NOT THE SAME SPECIES, OKAY?!
BUT THEN WE CAN'T COMPLETE THE PUNISHMENT GAME

MAKING DINNER CAN BE YOUR PUNISH-MENT.
A beginner cook with no experience will be making dinner today. How will it turn out?!
LET'S SEE,
WE HAVE SEAWEED, TOFU AND MISO...
CAN I MAKE MISO SOUP WITH THIS?
YUP, YUP! DO YOUR BEST!
Taking a glance where she won't talk until asked
FIRST, I'LL...
FRY THE SEAWEED?
HUH? IT'S COMING OUT A BIT DIFF-ERENT TO WHAT I EXPEC-TED...
WELL, IT SHOULD TURN INTO MISO SOUP ONCE I ADD THE MISO...

DON'T TRY TO STEALTHILY DOWN IT WITH WATER!
KAGA-KUN!
WELL, IT MIGHT BE TASTIER THAN IT LOOKS.
I'M DIGGING IN.
MM

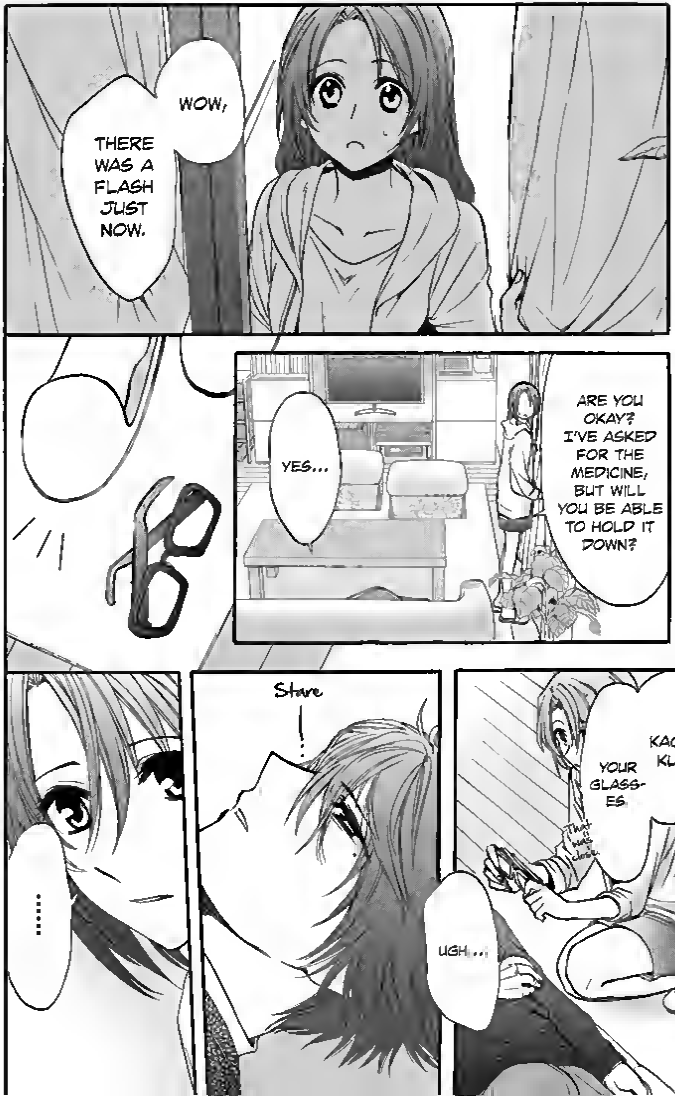
IT'S QUIET WITHOUT AKI-CHAN AROUND, HUH?

AFTER THAT, I REMEMBERED TO PASS ON A MESSAGE TO HER FROM MY BROTHER.
I hope you haven't forgotten about the textbook I lent you?
Shit
Where is it?
Ah!
HER FACE COMPLETELY DRAINED OF COLOR AND THEN SHE RUSHED UPSTAIRS...
MAYBE I SHOULD HELP HER LOOK FOR IT...?
Hmm
BUT...
I'M WORRIED ABOUT THIS ONE HERE, TOO..
Hmm
Put to good use immediately, as the pot got burnt
Our menu tonight: Vegetable congee that is light on the stomach
NANASE-SAN, IS THIS ALL YOU'LL NEED?
AH, YES. THANK YOU.

KAGA-KUN...
UGH...
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU DO THIS, EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE A GUEST
IT'S OKAY! I CAN MAKE THIS EASILY ENOUGH, AND I'M HAPPY TO HELP OUT.
I HOPE HE'S OKAY...
NISHINO-SAN...?
AH, DO YOU HAVE ANY STOMACH MEDICINE ON HAND, NISHINO-SAN...

I'LL GET IT FROM THE DRAWER THERE.
NANASE-SAN...
OKAY...
IS KIND
TO EVERY-ONE.

HER KIND-NESS
IS REALLY FRUSTRATING.
BUT, RIGHT NOW,
ITSUKI IS SERIOUS ABOUT LIKING NANASE-SAN.
IT'S DIFFERENT FROM THE TIME WHEN HE WAS JUST PLAYING AROUND CASUALLY.
MIGHT BE TAKEN AWAY FROM ME.
IF I DON'T DO SOME-THING,
SHE REALLY


WOW,
THERE WAS A FLASH JUST NOW.
ARE YOU OKAY? I'VE ASKED FOR THE MEDICINE, BUT WILL YOU BE ABLE TO HOLD IT DOWN?
YES...
Stare
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KAGA-KUN,
YOUR GLASS-ES
UGH...

...HEY, KAGA-KUN,
UM...
WERE YOU ABLE TO MAKE A COMEBACK WITH YOUR UNREQUITED LOVE?
WHAT?
IF YOU COULDN'T FORGET HER, THEN I THINK WE WOULD'VE FELT BAD DOING THE PUNISHMENT GAME.
BUT BECAUSE YOU AGREED TO DO IT WHEN SHE ASKED A SECOND TIME...
CONFESS WHO YOU LIKE, HERE AND NOW!

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I'M SORRY, IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS.
KAGA-KUN...
AH...
Ah, HERE. TAKE YOUR GLASSES.
RIGHT, THANK YOU...

YOU LOOK A BIT LIKE NISHINO-SAN WITH-OUT YOUR GLASSES ON.

NISHINO-
SAN...?

I DON'T NEED THE MEDICINE.
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I'LL BE BORR-OWING THE REST-ROOM.
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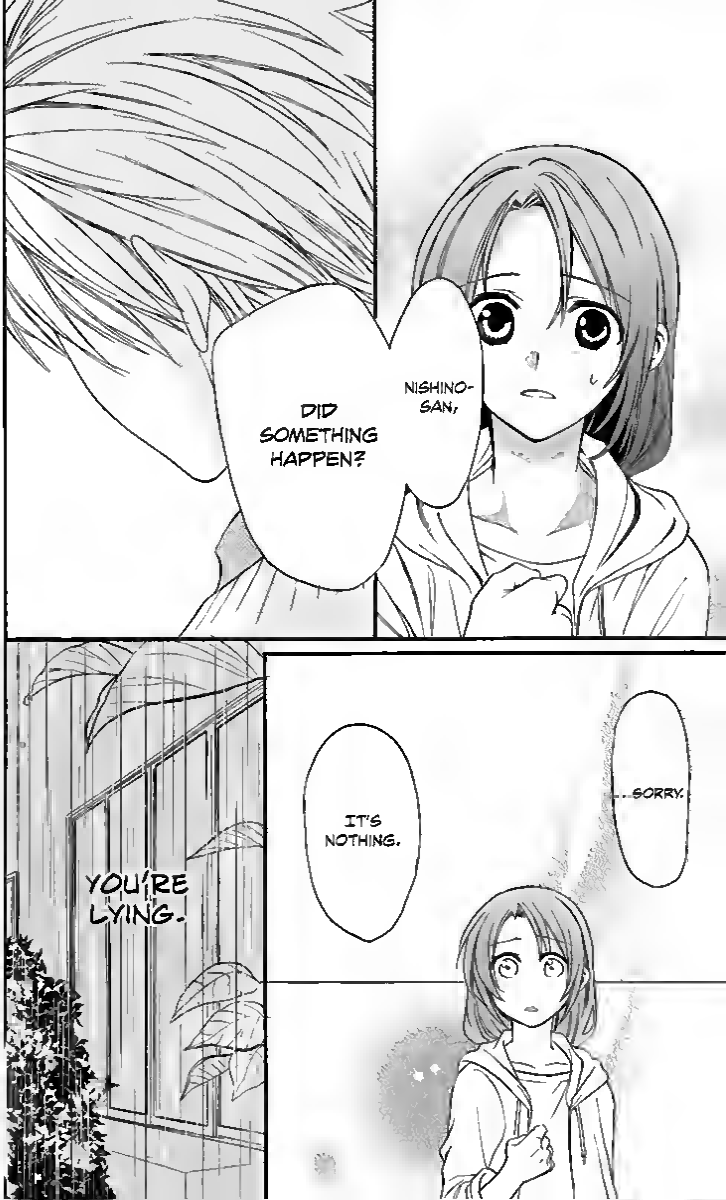
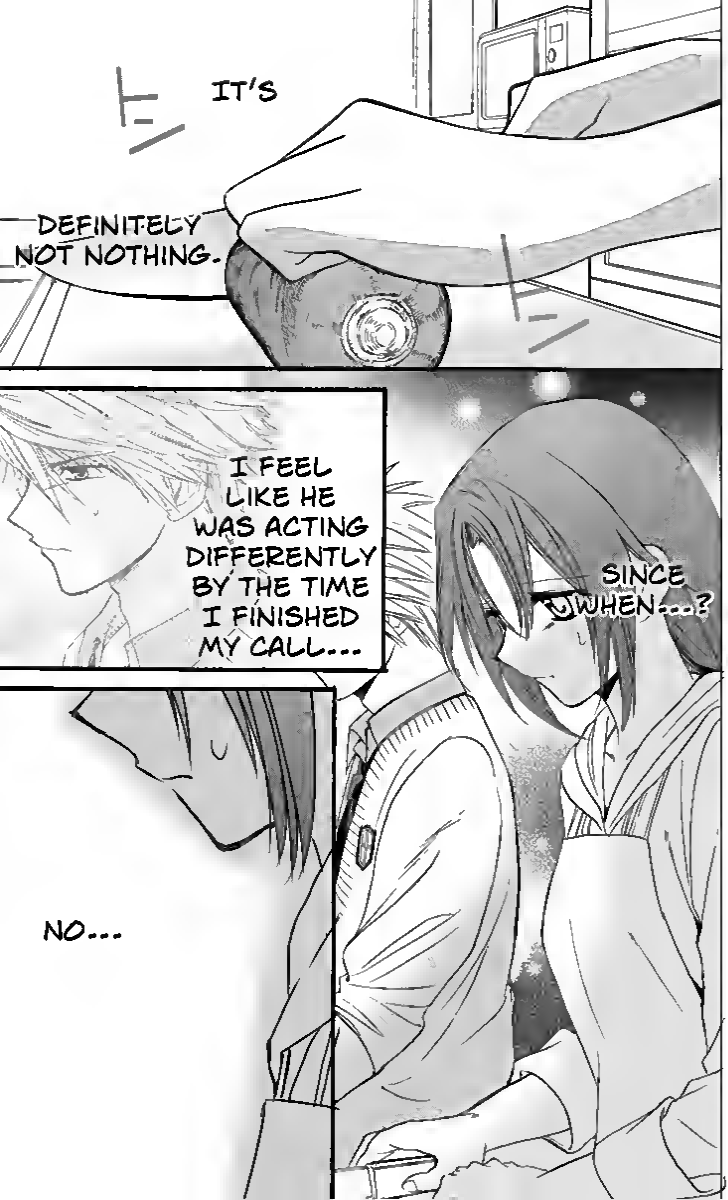
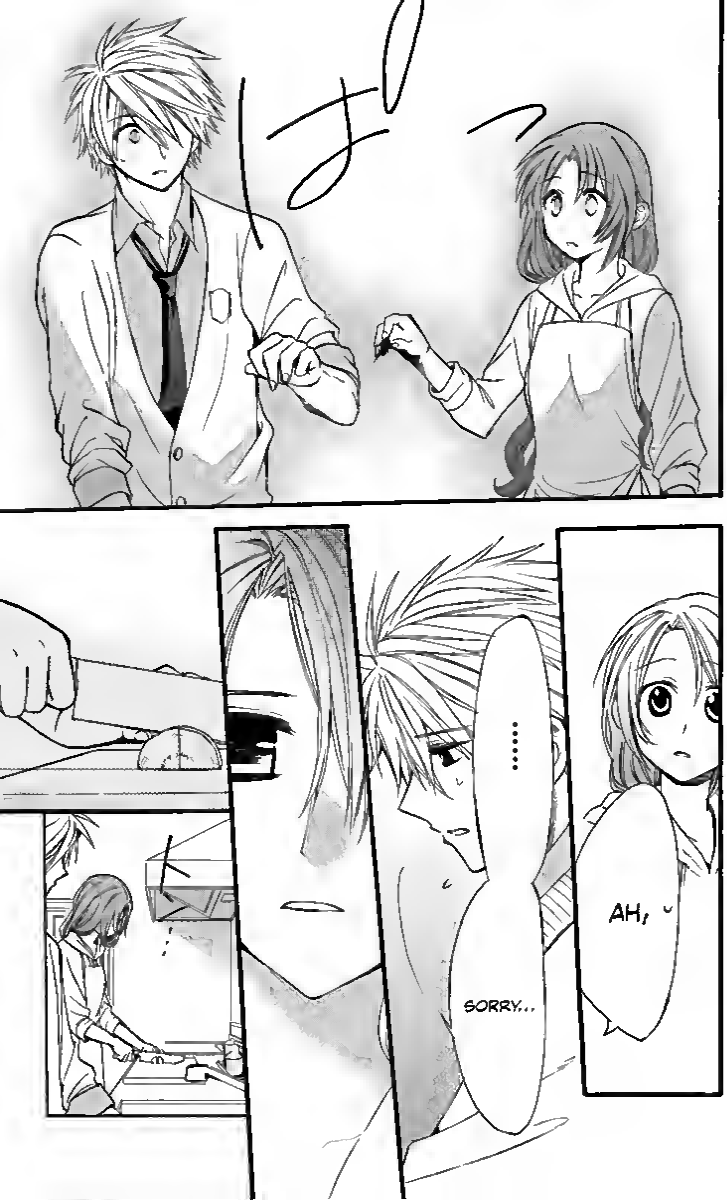

NISHINO-SAN,
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
...SORRY.
IT'S NOTHING.
YOU'RE LYING.


IT'S
DEFINITELY NOT NOTHING.
I FEEL LIKE HE WAS ACTING DIFFERENTLY BY THE TIME I FINISHED MY CALL...
SINCE WHEN...?
NO...

WHY DIDN'T I NOTICE IT AT THE TIME?
IF I THINK ABOUT IT PROPERLY,
MAYBE
EARLIER TODAY, THERE WERE A FEW INSTANCES WHEN I STOPPED TO THINK ABOUT WHY HE WAS SAYING THOSE THINGS...
I DID SOMETHING WRONG...


AH,
SORRY...
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I'M NO GOOD.
I CAN'T GET RID OF THAT THOUGHT.
I HAVE TO MAKE SURE I KEEP THAT GUY IN CHECK,
OTHERWISE, NANASE-SAN WILL
NISHINO-SAN...

WAS IT
SOMETHING I DID?
WHAT...?
TODAY,
I REALLY ENJOYED OUR DATE...

IT WAS OUR FIRST "PROPER" DATE...
SO, I WAS HAPPY THAT YOU ASKED ME OUT...
BUT,
MAYBE I GOT LOST IN THE MOMENT AND WASN'T AWARE OF MY SURROUN-DINGS...
I WAS THINKING
I MIGHT'VE HURT YOUR FEELINGS WITHOUT KNOWING...

YOU'VE BEEN...
AVOIDING EYE CONTACT WITH ME FOR A WHILE NOW...
Ah!
NANA—

WHAT...?
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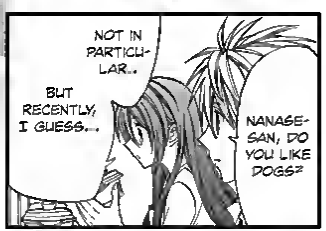
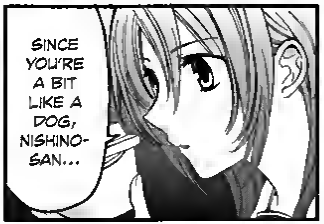
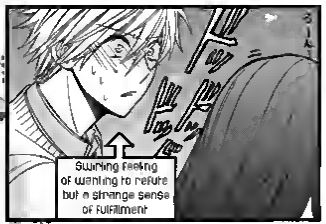
The next page is a manga that I was allowed to
publish as an advertisement for young animals
It's only one page, but please enjoy a slightly different Anitomo

AHHHH!
I HEARD IT ALL!
B BLUE I GUESS
IN THE ROOM NEXT DOOR, MY BROTHER AND NISHINO-SAN STARTED SOME KIND OF "MEN'S TALK."
He's making me listen on purpose.
UGH... REALLY, GIVE ME A BREAK...
YOU'VE AT LEAST GOT A FRE FERENCE FOR COLOR RIGHT? (UNDERWEAR)
WAH!
AND THEN WHAT?!
I DON'T HAVE ANY... I'LL HAVE TO BUY A PAIR
BLUE, HUH? HE LIKES BLUE...
WH
You're mis m my ht
Did I just hear a loud thud?







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